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STORY LEADS FROM MONTANA



SUMMER 2000

The Road to Relaxation

As your car twists and turns on this majestic mountain road, you realize this is not your typical highway. Instead of SUVs, you share the road with mountain goats and waterfalls.

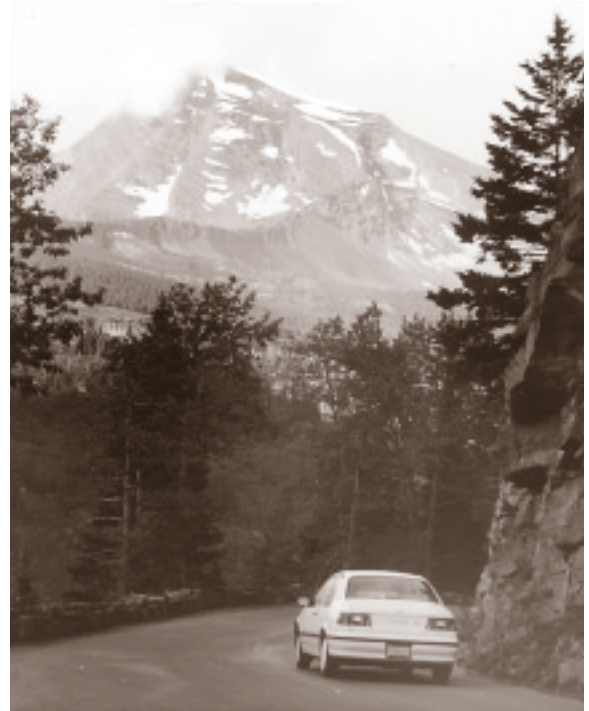
Instead of towering buildings, it's towering mountain peaks that surround your commute. This highway is Glacier National Park's Going-to-the-Sun Road. Hailed as one of the most spectacular scenic roadways in the nation, this 52-mile engineering marvel has been designated a National Historical Landmark and a National Civil Engineering Landmark, and is listed on the Register of Historic Places.

In 1911, William R. Logan, the first

superintendent of Glacier National Park, expressed his desire to make this place the most wonderful land in the world. His vision paved the way for the construction of the historic Going-to-the-Sun Road. Future generations would see the park by automobile, a task that had previously taken days by horseback. Today, Glacier National Park is still committed to making the park a wonder for all visitors, which is why the park is looking to restore the

scenic road, and, at the same time, allow visitors to continue exploring this national treasure.

The Going-to-the-Sun Road can be experienced in every season. In the fall and spring, bicyclists and walkers enjoy unhampered access to the plowed sections of the road, while in the winter months, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing is the mode



Breathtaking views abound on Going-to-the-Sun Road.

Going-to-the-Sun Road has changed the way generations have experienced Glacier National Park.

of travel. Come summer, vehicles can travel the entire 52-mile stretch of the highway, from St. Mary to West Glacier, Montana, from mid-June (depending on snow conditions) through the third weekend of October. For more information on Glacier National Park, call Glacier Country at (406) 837-6211 or www.glacier.visitmt.com.

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Catch of the Day

International Fly Fishing Center in Livingston

What do rainbow trout, smallmouth bass and salmon have in common? They are all a fly fisherman's quest on a river.

But in Montana, there's a place where anglers and non-anglers alike can go fishing without ever stepping foot outside—the International Fly Fishing Center (IFFC) in Livingston.

"Non-anglers enjoy the museum as much as anglers," says the center's director, Bob Wiltshire. "I find that non-fishermen are more inquisitive about fishing than their angling counterparts and ask a lot of questions."

On a recent visit to the center, a non-angler was amazed to discover the artistry that went into fly tying. Her enthusiasm grew when she came upon the display of an 1800s female fly fisher whose diary and flies were on exhibit.

The IFFC features fly fishing artifacts, photo exhibits, artistic displays and school



programs, and teaches classes on fly tying, casting and rod building. Wiltshire notes, however, that the center celebrates "fly fishing" not just "trout fishing." Boasting seven different aquatic exhibits in the cold or warm water rooms, visitors can see everything from hatching trout eggs to a two-pound bass. This summer the IFFC will host a Fly Fishing Conclave from July 31–August 5, 2000. Need details on the International Fly Fishing Center? Call (406) 222-9369 or www.fedflyfishers.org

Something else you should catch this

Visitors in the cold water fish room discover the world of trout.

summer is the traveling exhibit titled Anglers All 2000, on display at the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman. This exhibit, which runs from June 3, 2000–January 1, 2001, will focus on the art, science and sport of fly fishing with an emphasis on educating visitors about fly fishing and its relationship with the natural environment. For more information, call the museum at (406) 994-2251 or www.montana.edu/wwwmor

Spinning Tales in Eastern Montana

As long as there's fishing in Montana, there will always be the debate on whether your hook should have feathers or worms.

"A lot of fly fishermen say they'd never use that darn bait, and spin fishermen, they say they wouldn't eat a greasy trout on a bet," explains Jerry Ketchum of Glasgow, Montana, with a laugh. But where Jerry lives in northeastern Montana, spin fishing is king on the Fort Peck Lake reservoir.

Fort Peck Lake is Montana's largest body of water. It is 134 miles in length and has almost 1,600 miles of shoreline, which is

equal to the total coastal front of the state of California. More than 50 different kinds of fish swim in the reservoir including northern pike, paddlefish, lake trout and the hotly pursued walleye. In fact, the new state record walleye weighing in at over 16 pounds was caught this past winter at Fort Peck.

This summer, all eyes will be on the walleye from July 6–8, when Fort Peck hosts the 13th Annual Montana Governor's Cup Walleye Tournament. Two hundred two-person amateur teams will compete for a \$10,000 purse. "This tourney has become real popular; a lot of husband and wife teams



from all over Montana and 20 states come here to take part in this event."

Fort Peck will also host the Professional Walleye Trail Tournament, August 2–4. For more information on the tournaments or Fort Peck Lake, call the Glasgow Chamber at (406) 228-2222.

Rolling on the River

At 7 a.m. on a Monday morning in Bainbridge Island, Washington, a pack of busy commuters wait in line to catch a ferryboat, which will carry them to Seattle so they can begin their hectic workweek.

At the same time, in Virgelle, Montana, a relaxed Seattle couple sit in their car on the banks of the Missouri River, waiting for their ferry. After a few minutes the Virgelle ferry motors over and shuttles the pair to the other side of the river. This historic ferry is one of the three remaining in Montana.

"A lot of folks are getting off the highways to retrace the footsteps of the Lewis and Clark trail," says Don Sorensen, a Virgelle resident and the owner of the Missouri River Canoe Company. "These ferries are making it possible for visitors to explore these historic sites in our rural areas."

Due to this interest in the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial, Congress recently approved \$1.5 million in federal funds to improve



Montana's three remaining Missouri River car ferries. However, visitors to Montana are not the only ones who use these ferryboats; area farmers and ranchers also depend on them to haul grain or simply to cut down their drive time from town to home.

The Virgelle, Carter and McClelland Ferries, which are all located in central Montana, run between April and November. Interested in taking a ride? For more information, call Russell Country at (406) 761-5036 or www.russell.visitmt.com

Full of Beans—Ingomar, Montana

At the Jersey Lilly Bar and Café in Ingomar, Montana, a certain smell permeates the room. "We're internationally known for our beans, they're special," says Anna Maine, a cook at the cafe. "Folks can order a kettle of pinto beans from 7 a.m. until 2 a.m. in the morning, and our steaks are good too."

However, Maine explains that if you're looking for a bathroom, you have to step outside where you'll find the outhouses which are marked heifer (for the ladies) and bull pen, (for the men). "Sometimes we have to tell tourists which one to go into," says Maine. But she adds that if you want to wash your hands, the sink is located inside the bar behind the door. The Jersey Lilly was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1994.

The town of Ingomar sits between the towns of Roundup and Forsyth on U.S. Hwy. 12. A boomtown in the 1900s, it was home to the world's second-largest sheep shearing



The Jersey Lilly Bar and Café, Ingomar, Montana

plant. Today, ten people call it home.

But what Ingomar lacks in population, it makes up for in activity. The town hosts an accordion jamboree the last Sunday in April, a fiddler's jamboree in October and rodeo and roping events throughout the summer. Also this summer, the community is planning its first ever buffalo drive. So if you're looking to take a step back in time, pay a visit to Ingomar, Montana, and the historic Jersey Lilly Bar and Café. Call (406) 358-2278 for more information.

Peddling Montana on the Web

New biking feature on Travel Montana's web site, www.visitmt.com

Feel the soft summer breeze, smell the scent of fresh pine and hear the screech of an eagle as you pedal your way through Montana. Discovering Big Sky Country on two wheels can be a real outdoor adventure. What can compare to the thrill of cruising up a mountain trail and watching elk graze or viewing a mountain goat perched high on a cliff? What could match the adventure of visiting a historic battlefield or dinosaur dig or riding along ancient Indian trails?

To get you cruising on your Montana bike adventure, Travel Montana has created a new biking feature on its website www.visitmt.com. All levels of cyclists, including single bikers, couples and parents with children 10 years and older, can access an array of biking routes throughout the state. The page features both mountain and road bike rides that are tied to a specific scenic or historic site in the state. Each of the detailed bike routes lists the difficulty level of the ride, the length of the trip, the route topography and road surface, and the available amenities found along the tour. Isn't it time you visitmt.com to discover the ride of your life?



Biking on Mullan Pass on the Continental Divide west of Helena

J U N E

- 1-4 **Mission Mountain Testicle Festival**—
Charlo 644-9493
- 2-3 **Frontier Days**—Culbertson 787-5821
- 2-3 **Fresno Walleye Challenge**—Big Sandy
378-2176
- 2-3 **Central Montana All Arabian Horse Show**—
Helena 458-5643
- 4-6 **Lewis & Clark Encampment**—Malta 654-1776
- 9-11 **Montana Mule Days**—Drummond 777-5988 or
777-2331
- 9-11 **Hot Spring's 51st Homesteader Days**
Celebration—
Hot Springs 741-2361
- 10-11 **Pioneer Power Day Threshing Bee**—Lewistown
538-5236
- 10-11 **Gold Rush Fever Day**—Virginia City 843-5555
- 10-18 **Red Lodge Music Festival**—Red Lodge 446-1905
- 15-18 **Red Bottom Celebration**—Frazer 768-5155
ext. 338 or 695-2293
- 15-20 **Fort Union Rendezvous**—Fairview 701-572-9083
- 16-18 **Fort Benton Summer Celebration**—Fort Benton
622-3351
- 16-18 **Montana Reenactment 2000**—Pompeys Pillar
585-8459 or 585-2200
- 16-18 **Sleeping Giant Swing'n Jazz Jubilee**—Helena
227-9711 or 227-6961
- 17 **Lake to Lake Canoe Race**—Whitefish 862-3501
- 17-18 **Matthew Quigley Shoot**—Forsyth 356-7746
- 19-20 **Powell County Territorial Days**—Deer Lodge
846-2094
- 21-25 **Little Bighorn Days**—Hardin 665-1672
- 21-25 **Buffalo Runners Shoot**—Virginia City 843-5555
- 22-25 **Lewis & Clark Festival**—Great Falls 761-1888
- 22-25 **Montana Traditional Dixieland Jazz**
Festival—Missoula 449-7969
- 23 **1876 Grand Ball**—Hardin 665-2559 or 665-1671
- 23-25 **Custer's Last Stand Reenactment**—Hardin
665-2789 or 665-1672
- 23-25 **Western Montana Quarter Horse Association**
Annual Horse Show—Seeley Lake 549-2631
- 24-25 **21st Annual Bitterroot Days**—Hamilton 363-3338
- 25 **Ophem Rodeo**—Ophem 724-3295
- 29-7/4 **102nd Annual Arlee Celebration**—Arlee
675-2700 or 745-4984
- 30 **Farm Festival Day**—Conrad 278-7791
- 30-7/1 **Rock Creek Walleye Tournament on Fort**
Peck—Glasgow 378-2176
- 30-7/2 **Pioneer Days and Antique Show**—Scobey
487-5965 or 487-2061
- 30-7/2 **Eastern Montana Ski Festival**—Wibaux 796-2412

J U L Y

- 1-4 **Valley of The Chiefs Pow Wow and Rodeo**—
Crow Agency 638-2601
- 4 **4TH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS**
Big Sky 995-2742 or 995-2472
Bigfork 837-5888
Bozeman 586-5421 or 586-1079

- Charlo 644-9493
- Ennis 682-4215
- Glasgow 228-2222
- Hysham 342-5457
- Kalispell 758-2800
- Lewistown 538-5436
- Malta 654-1776
- Missoula 721-5140
- Plains 826-3202
- Seeley Lake 677-2880
- West Yellowstone 646-7701
- Whitefish 862-3501
- 6-8 **Montana Governor's Cup Walleye**
Tournament—Glasgow 228-2222
- 6-9 **North American Indian Days**—Browning 338-7276
- 7-9 **Wolf Point Wild Horse Stampede**—76th Jubilee
Celebration—Wolf Point 653-2220
- 7-9 **Western Heritage Days**—Deer Lodge 846-2070
or 846-3388
- 7-9 **Chief Victor Days**—Victor 363-2400
- 7-9 **Bitterroot Valley Bluegrass Festival**—Hamilton
363-4444 or 363-2575
- 7-9 **Rock-n-Roll Daze**—Missoula 251-6617 or 949-5016
- 7-11 **Yellowstone Boat Float**—Big Timber 248-7182
- 8 **Sunrise Festival Of The Arts**—Sidney 482-1916
- 8 **Cardboard Cup Regatta**—Helena 444-4720
- 10 **Celebrate the Cowpoke through Poetry and**
Music—Hamilton 363-3338
- 11 **Drummond PRCA Rodeo**—Drummond 288-3479
- 12-16 **International Choral Festival**—Missoula 721-7985
- 14-15 **Senior Pro Rodeo**—Hamilton 363-3010
- 14-16 **Standing Arrow Pow Wow**—Elmo 849-5798
- 14-16 **Art In Washoe Park**—Anaconda 563-2422
- 15 **Jim Bridger Days**—Bridger 662-3305 or 662-3222
- 15-16 **Bannack Days**—Bannack 834-3413
- 15-16 **C.M. Russell Stampede, BBQ, Quick Draw &**
Rodeo—Stanford 566-2422
- 19-23 **Gallatin County Fair**—Bozeman 582-3270
- 20-23 **Libby Logger Days**—Libby 293-4167
- 21-22 **Montana State Fiddlers Contest**—Polson 323-1198
or 883-3360
- 21-23 **Country Music Campout**—Troy 295-4358
- 21-23 **Outlaw Days**—Malta 654-1776
- 21-23 **Victorian Weekend & Heritage Days**—Virginia City
843-5300
- 22 **Kid Curry Symposium**—Malta 654-1776
- 22-31 **Skydive Lost Prairie 33rd Annual Jump Meet**—
Marion 858-2493
- 23 **Twin Bridges Floating Flotillas and Fish**
Fantasies—Twin Bridges 684-5400
- 23-8/15 **Flathead Valley Music Festival**—Whitefish 862-7708
- 26-29 **Central Montana Horse Show, Fair and**
Rodeo—Lewistown 538-8841
- 27 **Art on the Main**—Conrad 278-7791
- 27-30 **Lewis & Clark Days Festival**—Cut Bank 873-4041
or 873-2213
- 27-30 **International Traditional Games**—
Glacier National Park 675-0160
- 28-29 **Heritage Days**—Columbia Falls 892-2480
- 28-30 **Flint Creek Valley Days**—Philipsburg 859-3388
- 28-8/6 **Red Lodge Mountain Man Rendezvous**—Red Lodge
446-1718

- 29-8/5 **Montana State Fair**—Great Falls 727-8900
- 30 **Clark Day**—Billings 896-5235
- 31-8/5 **International Fly Fishing Conclave**—Livingston
222-0850

A U G U S T

- 1-3 **26th Annual Fiddlers Picnic**—Livingston 222-5908
- 2-5 **Professional Walleye Trail Fishing**
Tournament—Fort Peck 228-2747
- 4-6 **Sweet Pea Festival**—Bozeman 586-4003
- 4-6 **Rocky Mountain Accordion Celebration**—
Philipsburg 859-3388 or 859-3236
- 5-6 **Annual Festival Of The Arts**—Bigfork 881-4636 or
837-5888
- 5-12 **Festival Of Nations**—Red Lodge 446-1718
- 8-13 **Western Montana Fair and Rodeo**—Missoula
721-3247
- 9 **122nd Commemoration of the Battle of the Big**
Hole—Wisdom 689-3155
- 12-19 **Montana Fair, Metrapark**—Billings 256-2400 or
256-2422
- 14-20 **Burnt Hole Rendezvous/Historical**
Reenactment—West Yellowstone 646-7110
- 17-20 **Montana Cowboy Poetry Gathering**—Lewistown
538-5436
- 17-21 **Crow Fair and Rodeo**—Crow Agency 638-2601, ext.
104 or 222
- 19-20 **Threshing Bee**—Huntley 967-6687 or 698-7807
- 25-27 **Barnes Steam and Power Show**—Belgrade 388-4433
- 25-27 **Fort Kipp Celebration**—Fort Kipp 786-3199 or
768-5112
- 26 **Dixon Melon Days**—Dixon 246-3271
- 26-27 **Montana Walleye Unlimited Fall Classic**—
Lewistown 464-5491
- 29 **Butte Heritage Days**—Butte 782-1859 or 782-0742
- 29-9/4 **Beaverhead County Fair & Jaycee Rodeo**—Dillon
683-5511
- 31-9/4 **Milk River Wagon Train**—Malta 654-1100 or
654-2783

FROM MONTANA

The diversity of events, places and people in Montana is almost as wide as the state itself. We hope to give you a taste of that diversity with this quarterly newsletter. In addition, my office offers these services to editors, writers and producers.

Visual Materials

Color slides, 8" x 10" B/W photos and stock video footage are available for editorial use.

Writer/Photographer Referrals

We can put you in contact with many of Montana's most talented and experienced freelance writers and photographers.

Editorial Copy/Calendar of Events

We can provide background information or editorial copy for many subjects. We also maintain a calendar of events for the entire state.

Individual Attention

If you need the latest vacation guide and road map of Montana, a liaison with other government agencies or detailed information to fit a specific story angle, we're here to assist you.

Mary Boyle, Publicity Coordinator

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